A Declaration of the General Convention of *Ireland*, expreſsing their Deteſtation of the unjuſt Proceedings againſt the late KING, in a pretended *High Court of Juſtice* in ENGLAND.

WHereas by the contrivances of ſome ſelf-deſigning Perſons, a ſinfull and unexemplary force was put upon the Parliament of *England* in the year 1648. Thoſe perſons having cauſe to deſpair of the Parliaments compliance with their horrid and deſtructive Principles, though never ſo artificially and plauſibly held forth: Which ſingle act in it ſelf, though it was a tranſcendent violation of that Kingdoms Birthright, yet it ſeemed too cheap and vile a Sacrifice to their ambition, except they mingled with it the blood of their and our Lawful Soveraign; In Order whereunto, They preſumed to erect a Court, called by themſelves *A High Court of Juſtice*, where (by an Ugly and Execrable Sentence) they Condemned him to death, which was Executed under all the circumſtantial aggravations of Barbariſm. Since which time, the People of this Kingdom having not had opportunity of Aſſembling themſelves in *Ireland*, until the meeting of this General Convention; And being by the bleſsing of God now met, We judge it our duty to Declare, and do hereby Declare to the whole World, Our unfained and hearty deteſtation of, and Our Proteſtation againſt thoſe moſt inhumane, unparallel'd and barbarous Proceedings againſt the late KING; which by true Proteſtants can be termed no other, Then the fouleſt Murther, and Higheſt Aſſaſsination that Sacred or Profane Story hath recorded; being perpetrated by the ſaid perſons in a Kingdom where the true Reformed Religion eminently flouriſht, and being contrary to that Solemn League and Covenant which they themſelves had taken; and all this countenanced under a pretext of Publick Juſtice.

And We heartily beg of God, that he would ſilence the Cry of that innocent blood, and not further puniſh theſe Nations for the ſame, by continuing them in Confuſions and Unſettlements, but in the Riches of his mercy, reſtore them to Peace upon the ſure Foundations of Truth and Righteouſneſs.

May 1. 1660.

ORdered, That this Declaration be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

MAT. BARRY, *Clerk of the General Convention of* Ireland.

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